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TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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The issue fee for this case was paid on June 28, 2004.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of pertinent art cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via Express Mail with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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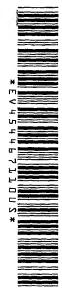
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